External Assistance for Health Projects

1157. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large amount of external aid for various health schemes/projects remained unutilised during the years 1991-92; 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same and the steps taken to overcome the difficulties for which the aid could not be utilised;

(c) whether there exists a monitoring system which could ensure full utilisation of funds before putting up the proposal for external aid; and

(d) if not, the steps Government intend to take to see that the external aid is fully utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Relative Increase in Percentage of Aids Cases

1158. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what, according to the various AIDS Centres in the country, is the number of positive AIDS cases at the beginning of 1994, State-wise, as against the samples screened and how does the figures compare with those at the beginning of 1993;

(b) what is the percentage of increase in the number of AIDS cases relating to male, female and foreigners in the country; and

(c) what steps have been taken to remove the deficiency in the existing strategy to tackle the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) 707 AIDS cases had been reported upto January, 1994 as compared to 307 cases reported till January, 1993. Since AIDS cases are diagnosed on the basis of clinical requirements and serological test and not through sera-surveillance, it would not be possible to give number of AIDS cases against the samples screen whereas HIV infection is detected on the basis of sample screened. The increase in the number of reported AIDS cases is two fold during this period. A statewise breakup of the AIDS cases reported in January, 1994 as compared to January, 1993 is enclosed in the enclosed statement. (*See* below).

(b) The percentage of increase in reported AIDS cases among male, female and foreigners during the period January, 1993-94 is as follows :—

	Indian	*Foreigners*
Males	131.7% increase	20% increase
Females	132.8% increase	

(c) No deficiency has been noticed so far in the strategy evolved to implement the National AIDS Programme in the country excepting the initial difficulties in implementing a national programme.